

AMENDMENT TO SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0007] with the following:

[0007] The invention overcoming these and other problems in the art relates in one regard to a system, computer readable medium, and method for demand-based delivery of media content, which in one regard deploy a collection engine between a content provider and end viewers of video or other content. In embodiments, the collection engine may be cohosted in a DSLAM, cable head end, or other local communications facility from which the subscriber receives Internet or other network access. The collection engine may initiate the loading of video, audio, software or other media from remote content providers into an associated local content store, on a predetermined schedule or based on demand or other criteria. Subscribers wishing to view one or more parts of the currently stored video, audio, software or other content may in turn request a download of their selections from that content store to a computer or other viewing or playback device. That download may occur during offpeak or other times. Once downloaded, in embodiments the subscriber may gain authorization to view the content via a key or other authentication mechanism. According to the invention in one regard, because the storage of the digital content has effectively been shifted to a collection point which is local to subscribers, content may be delivered to each individual subscriber for their separate views, without incurring additional per-megabyte or other backbone or other metered network charges.